Appointments in the High Court.

208. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of the High Court Registrar, the Deputy Registrar, the Manager, the Indexer and the Head Clerk of the High Court?

(*b*) Were these appointments not made on the recommendation of the Chief Justice?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Registrar— Mr. P. N. Sitarama Aiyar B. A., B. L.

Deputy Registrar— ,, P. Tandu Aiyar. (on leave.)

,, P. S. Kuppuswami Aiyar (Acting).

Manager— ,, P. S. Kuppuswami Aiyar B. A., B. L. (on other duty.)

,, T. S. Appattura Aiyar B. A. (Acting).

Indexer— ,, M. Raman Menon B. A., B. L (on other duty).

,, N. Harihara Aiyar B. A., B. L. (Acting). (on other duty).

,, T. Kuttikrishna Menon B.A., B.L. (Acting).

Filing Clerk (Head Clerk)— ,, T. S. Appattura Aiyar B. A. (on other duty).

,, R. Gopala Aiyangar (Acting).

(*b*) Yes.

MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether there were no non-Brahmin claimants for the place at the time of the appointment, and, if so, why the claims of those people were overlooked?

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I claim notice.

Abkari Farming System.

209. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Will the Government be pleased to state whether they are not aware of the large volume of public opinion against the farming out of certain taluks in respect of arrack and toddy as a monopoly to one person?

(*b*) Are they not aware that such practice entails loss on Government and gives room for corruption on a large scale?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) and (*b*) The farming system has been given up, except in the Devicolam taluk where peculiar conditions prevail.

Complaints re. Quality of Salt.

210. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have received petitions from the people of Quilon and Alleppey regarding the bad quality of salt supplied from the middle of 1098, and, if so, what action they have taken thereon?

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[Mr. S. Paramesvara Aiyar.]

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The answer to the first part of the question is in the negative. In view of this, the second part of the question does not arise.

Supply of Salt.

211. MR. M. N. PILLAI (*Trivandrum*): (*a*) Is it a fact that the Excise Commissioner reported to the Government that Mr. Subrahmanya Karayalar should be ordered to supply superior salt and that the selling price of the salt already stocked should be reduced by four annas at the contractor's risk?

(*b*) If so, what was the action taken by the Government on the recommendation of the Excise Commissioner?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) The answer is in the negative.

(*b*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

STATEMENTS LAID ON THE TABLE.

MR. K. GEORGE (*Financial Secretary to Government*): Sir, under Rule 52 of the Legislative Council Rules, I beg to place on the table the following statement of expenditure authorised by the Government under Section 16 (9) of the Legislative Council Regulation, II of 1097.

	Amount Rs.	Remarks.
Demand XI—Police	240	For the pay of one second class constable and three fourth class constables temporarily added to the Trivandrum District Police in connection with plague duty at Aramboly with effect from 10-6-1099.
Demand XV—Medical Department.	90	Additionally sanctioned to meet the expenditure in the Devicolam Division in connection with plague preventive measures.
Demand XXII—Miscellaneous items.	2,000	For expenses in connection with the Redeemer Enquiry Committee.
Demand XXIII Loan.	40,000	To meet the additional demand for the issue of the second instalment of the loan granted already as per agreements.

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): Sir, with reference to the answer given to question No. 4 (*d*) asked by Mr. A. Govinda Menon *re.* acting clerks and copyists in Revenue Offices, at the meeting of the Council held on the 29th October, 1923, a statement containing the information is laid on the table (*vide* statement attached).

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